

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 19, 2003Division: District 1Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐Department: Mayor Dixie M. Spehar**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Approval of a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County requesting full funding of Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust fund.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

The Florida Legislature, in 1998, pursuant to s. 201.15 (11) Florida Statute provided that, commencing Fiscal Year 2000-2001, \$30 million shall annually be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund to develop and long range program to address critical beach erosion.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:****STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

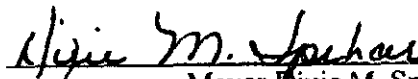
COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ AMOUNT PER MONTH _____ Year _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒ To Follow _____ Not Required _____

DISPOSITION: _____

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COMMISSIONER DIXIE M. SPEHAR

RESOLUTION NO. -2003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY REQUESTING
FULL FUNDING OF ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
AND RESTORATION TRUST FUND**

WHEREAS, Florida's number one tourist attraction is its beaches, with beach-related tourism having a \$41.6 billion impact on the state's economy and beach-related tourism contributing over \$1 billion in tourist-related sales tax revenues annually; and

WHEREAS, 442,000 jobs are created by beach-related tourism, with an \$8 billion payroll resulting from additional spending related to Florida's beaches; and

WHEREAS, over half of Florida's 825 miles of sandy beaches are experiencing erosion, with 333 miles designated by the Department of Environmental Protection as critical-eroded; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, has enacted Section 161.088, Florida Statutes, declaring beach erosion to be a serious threat to the economic and general welfare of the people of the State and that it is a necessary governmental responsibility to preserve Florida's beaches and provide for the beach nourishment project; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, in 1998, pursuant to s. 201.15 (11), Florida Statute, provided that, commencing Fiscal Year 2000-2001, \$30 million shall annually be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund, and that documentary stamp tax revenues shall be the source of that funding; and

WHEREAS, this \$30 million allocation has enabled Florida to develop a consistent, adequately-funded, priority-driven, long range management program to address critical erosion; and

WHEREAS, this program represents cost-effective intergovernmental partnership which leverages a dollar for dollar local government match, and up to 65% of the total project cost from federal sources:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County strongly urges the Florida Legislature to fully fund the Department of Environmental Protection's beach erosion control project priority list for FY03-04 for \$30 million as provided in chapter 161 and 201, Florida Statutes; and
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County respectfully requests that the Florida Legislature oppose any legislative efforts to amend the existing law which allocates \$30 million annually in documentary stamp tax revenues to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund for purposes of beach preservation and repair; and
3. The Clerk is directed to distribute certified copies of the Resolution to Governor Jeb Bush, State Senator Larcenia J. Bullard, State Representative Ken Sorensen, and to State Senators Ken Pruitt and Charlie Clary, and State Representatives Bruce Kyle, Stan Mayfield and Jerry Paul, for consideration by their respective appropriation committees and subcommittees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a meeting of said Board held on the 19th day of February, A.D., 2003.

Mayor Dixie M. Spehar _____
Mayor Pro Tem Murray Nelson _____
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____
Commissioner David P. Rice _____

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attest: DANNY I. KOLHAGE, Clerk

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Mayor / Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY 
SUZANNE A. HUTTON

DATE 2/6/03